

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Can you imagine the outrage if the political tables were turned & all HBO broadcasting channels were "interrupted" by a "newsworthy broadcast", and, dare I leave off the cherry on this pile of dung, without commercial interruption!!!! There would be mass religious services, optional public exorcisms, vigils outside PLANNED PARENHOOD facilities. We're a freakish nation of fear mongers-corporate puppets of mass hysteria. Why the FCC sits on the roadside makes me wonder who's pulling their strings!

Thank you.